Recruitment of women in the State Police Force.

85. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether women are recruited in the Police Force in any part of British India;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to enlist a few women in our Police Force?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—(a) No information.

(b) In view of the reply to sub-division (a), no answer is called for.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Has the Government any objection to enlist a few?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.— It is not so much a question of objection as of difficulties.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—What are they?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.— In enlisting policemen we insist upon a certain height, chest measurement and so on and then it will not be possible to send out police-women for all the duties for which men are sent out. Then there is the question of communal rotation. All these things have to be considered.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Are not women enlisted in the police force in Great Britain and the other places?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.— Yes, but they are entrusted with special work. They are not doing the ordinary work of constables.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With regard to (a) may I know whether any attempt was made to collect the information?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—Yes.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Are not women enlisted in the Bengal Police force?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.— We do not know what Bengal is doing in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to give a lead in this matter?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—I have already answered that it is not a question of objection but one of difficulty.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Has there been any application?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy.—Not so far.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—The Police Department has to be properly 'manned' I suppose?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—That is one aspect of it.

Auction sale of teak in the Forest Department.

86. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of teak sold in auction by the Forest Department this year and the amount realised per candy?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—2,615 candies. Rs. 13—2—0 a candy on an average. The rate varies from Rs. 5—12—0 to Rs. 29 a candy.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this 2,615 candies the whole quantity of teak sold not only by auction but by other means also?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No.

Free grant of timber—1111 M. E.

87. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of persons to whom timber was given free this year and the quantity given to each?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—A statement containing the information is appended (*Vide Appendix III*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the appendix, No. 1, is it the present Controller or the Ex-Controller?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It was given in the year 1111. That is all that I can say.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— I want to know whether it was given to the present Palace Controller or the other man?

Mr. T. Narayana Mnon.—I do not know the details. It was given in 1111 to the Palace Controller.

Lands at Malikkapara leased out to planters.

88. **Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the extent of the area leased at Malikkapara for planters;

(b) how many estates have been opened there;

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